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6	Brooklyn, New York FRANK CALI			
7	Defendant :			
8	August 7, 2008 X 10:30 a.m.			
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10	BEFORE: HONORABLE JACK B. WEINSTEIN			
11	United States District Judge			
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# U.S.A. v. FRANK CALI 2 LAW CLERK: Criminal cause for sentencing, 1 2 U.S.A. versus Frank Cali. 3 Appearances for the Government. 4 MR. LIPTON: Joey Lipton for the Government. Good morning, Your Honor. 5 6 THE COURT: Good morning. 7 MR. PROTASS: Harlan Protass for Mr. Cali. Good morning, Your Honor. 8 9 PROBATION OFFICER: Sindee Haasnoot on behalf of the U.S. Probation. 10 11 THE DEFENDANT: Hello, Your Honor. 12 Swear the defendant, please. THE COURT: 13 LAW CLERK: Sir, please stand up and raise your 14 right hand. 15 (Defendant sworn to tell the truth by the law 16 clerk.) 17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. 18 LAW CLERK: Please state your name. 19 THE DEFENDANT: Frank Cali. 20 THE COURT: Okay. Is there a family member present? 21 MR. PROTASS: His brother-in-law is present, Your 22 That's the only family member. His wife is at home. Honor. 23 THE COURT: That is the only family present. 24 Do you want your brother-in-law with you? THE DEFENDANT: That's fine, Your Honor. 25

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1	THE COURT: Yes or no?
2	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
3	THE COURT: All right. Have him come up.
4	(Whereupon, the brother-in-law takes a seat at
5	counsel table.)
6	THE COURT: Have you read the presentence report and
7	had it explained by your attorney?
8	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
9	THE COURT: Are you ready to be sentenced?
10	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
11	THE COURT: What country are you a citizen?
12	THE DEFENDANT: U.S.A.
13	THE COURT: You may not be deported.
14	Are you satisfied with your attorney?
15	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
16	THE COURT: Does the attorney have a conflict?
17	MR. PROTASS: No, I don't, Your Honor.
18	THE COURT: Any unresolved motions or contentions?
19	MR. LIPTON: I don't believe any motions or
20	contentions, but Mr. Protass did file a motion on behalf of
21	Mr a letter on behalf of Mr. Cali this morning. I wanted
22	to make sure that Your Honor had an opportunity to see that.
23	THE COURT: Do you want it sealed?
24	MR. PROTASS: Sir?
25	THE COURT: Do you want it sealed?

# U.S.A. v. FRANK CALI 4 MR. PROTASS: Yes, Your Honor. If possible. 1 2 THE COURT: All right. The letter is sealed. 3 August 7, 2008. Are you seeking a downward departure? 4 MR. PROTASS: No, Your Honor. 5 THE COURT: Anybody object to a video recording? 6 7 MR. PROTASS: No, Your Honor. 8 MR. LIPTON: No, Judge. 9 THE COURT: Both sides used the proper guidelines 10 manual? MR. PROTASS: Yes, Judge. 11 12 MR. LIPTON: Yes, Judge. 13 THE COURT: The Court observes the defendant's 14 demeanor. He appears to be capable of understanding these 15 proceedings. 16 Does counsel agree? 17 MR. PROTASS: Yes. 18 THE COURT: We have no victim's statement? 19 MR. LIPTON: Judge, we don't have a victim 20 statement, no. 21 Sir, would you look at the manuscript THE COURT: here, January -- June 3rd, 2008. It is a transcript of the 22 pleading before Judge Levy. This is Court Exhibit 1. 23 24 Is that accurate? 25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

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1	THE COURT: Was what you said there truthful?
2	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.
3	THE COURT: Did anybody make any threats or promises
4	to you?
5	THE DEFENDANT: No.
6	THE COURT: Was it entirely voluntary?
7	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
8	THE COURT: Do you still wish to plead guilty?
9	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
10	THE COURT: How do you plead, guilty or not guilty?
11	THE DEFENDANT: Guilty.
12	THE COURT: Based on the information before me I
13	accept the plea.
14	Do you want a Fatico hiring?
15	MR. PROTASS: No, Your Honor.
16	THE COURT: Do you want a jury hearing on any issue?
17	MR. PROTASS: No, Your Honor.
18	THE COURT: You may address the Court yourself. You
19	may have witnesses, and your attorney will address the Court.
20	Do you understand?
21	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
22	THE COURT: Do you wish to challenge anything in the
23	presentence report?
24	MR. PROTASS: Yes, we do, Your Honor.
25	There are a few points. The first is in

Paragraph 2, dealing with the global resolution. The PSR does not count for that document. I believe that Your Honor has an accounted for that in the guidelines calculation for other defendants who have been sentenced in this matter.

THE COURT: What is the Government's view?

MR. LIPTON: That the global disposition is appropriate under the circumstances, Your Honor, notwithstanding the probation's well-written opinion.

THE COURT: Your view it is not to be included in the global disposition?

PROBATION OFFICER: Yes.

THE COURT: I agree with the Government and the defendant. The defendant will get three points off. That will bring it down to 19 from 22; is that correct?

PROBATION OFFICER: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Anything else?

MR. PROTASS: Yes.

Throughout the PSR, and there are many, many paragraphs that refer to the offense conduct of all of the other defendants in this matter. We object to the inclusion of all of the other offense conduct as it doesn't relate to Mr. Cali and it is not relevant in terms of the BOP's consideration of the PSR. To the extent that Your Honor imposes an incarceratory sentence it would be highly prejudicial to him.

And that is -- those are in Paragraphs 4 to 95 -- 95 -- 99 to 134 and 136, as well as Paragraph 137 and 139 to the extent that they refer to defendants other than Mr. Cali.

THE COURT: Paragraphs what?

MR. PROTASS: I'm sorry.

4 to 95, 99 to 134, and 136. And Paragraphs 137 and 139 in part refer to Mr. Cali, and we have no objection to that, but they refer, like the other enumerated paragraphs do, to all of the other defendants.

And this was -- I set this forth in the objections letter that I sent to the Probation Department. It was at the beginning of this week or the end of last week.

PROBATION OFFICER: August 4th.

MR. PROTASS: August 4th.

THE COURT: You can produce evidence as to these?

MR. PROTASS: Yes. Yes, sir.

THE COURT: As to the presentence report, the fourth paragraph, the following:

In Paragraph 4 to 95, 99 to 134, 136, and 137 and 139 affirmed other defendants. There is involved evidence that the Government can produce but that does not apply directly to this defendant, Mr. Cali.

MR. LIPTON: Judge, there is one caveat.

Paragraph 17 does apply to Mr. Cali. That is the only one included in those paragraphs.

# U.S.A. v. FRANK CALI 8 4 to 16 and 18 and 95 it should read? 1 THE COURT: 2 MR. PROTASS: That is correct, Your Honor. 3 THE COURT: Okay. 4 PROBATION OFFICER: What do you want me to add, Your I know the paragraph numbers but I need the wording 5 6 you want me to add or do you want it stricken? 7 THE COURT: No. In Paragraphs 4 to 16, and 18 to 95, 99 to 134, 136 8 9 and 137 and 139, referring to other defendants there is 10 involved evidence the Government can produce, but does that not apply directly to Mr. Cali. 11 12 PROBATION OFFICER: Okay, Your Honor. 13 THE COURT: Otherwise, the report will be amended as 14 to that. 15 Anything else? 16 MR. PROTASS: Just one small matter, which is 17 Paragraphs 17 and 140 that refer to Mr. Cali as an acting 18 captain of the Gambino family. 19 THE COURT: Okay. 20 MR. PROTASS: 17 and 140. 21 Your Honor, Mr. Cali was not charged in Count 1 of 22 the indictment, which was the RICO enterprise count, and we 23 think that the allegations of Mr. Cali being an acting captain

is inappropriate in the PSR in light of that charge -- or

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absent that charge.

# U.S.A. v. FRANK CALI 9 Do you have proof of that? 1 THE COURT: 2 MR. LIPTON: Yes, Judge. We alleged that in the 3 indictment. 4 THE COURT: Well, if you want a trial, I will give you a trial. Otherwise, it will remain. 5 6 MR. PROTASS: We don't want a trial, Judge. 7 THE COURT: Then it remains. MR. PROTASS: All right. 8 9 THE COURT: Any other findings of fact or law before 10 we begin? 11 MR. LIPTON: Not from the Government. 12 MR. PROTASS: Not from the defense, Your Honor. 13 THE COURT: The calculation is now correct at 19 14 with a criminal history category of what? MR. PROTASS: Well, actually, Your Honor, we had 15 16 contested the two points for express or implied threat, and we 17 have also --18 THE COURT: Well, then, let's hear it. 19 MR. PROTASS: Okay. We had also contested the --THE COURT: Well, let's deal with the expressed or 20 21 implied threats. What is your view? 22 23 MR. PROTASS: My view, Your Honor, actually reflects 24 and we believe that it does not apply for the same reasons 25 that Your Honor found in the July -- I believe it was the

U.S.A. v. FRANK CALI 10 sentencing of Louis Filippeli, as well as the sentencing of 1 2 Mario Cassarino. 3 THE COURT: This is Number 4 that we are dealing 4 with? MR. LIPTON: Probably around there, Your Honor, yes. 5 The other people had the option to -- or the ability, rather, 6 7 to challenge the implied threat. I think this may be the 8 third. 9 THE COURT: This is the informant, Number 4? 10 MR. LIPTON: Yes, Judge. Yes. It is the same issue that Your Honor has addressed were these three other 11 12 defendants. 13 THE COURT: All right. No, I am not going to have 14 the same findings here. This person is heavily involved in the mob. Anything that he did or said was freighted, 15 16 f-r-e-i-g-h-t-e-d, with implications of coercion. 17 What paragraph is that? 18 PROBATION OFFICER: Paragraph 143, Your Honor. 19 THE COURT: No. I think this is a mob-related 20 activity. In this case it is to be applied. 21 MR. PROTASS: Your Honor, my client has had 22 absolutely no contact with Mr. -- the John Doe Number 4. He 23 never spoke with him. He never met --24 THE COURT: Well, what -- who did he have contact 25 with?

MR. PROTASS: He had contact -- according to the allegations and the tapes, he had contact with -- in the NASCAR conspiracy is the only thing that my client charged with.

THE COURT: This is NASCAR.

MR. PROTASS: No. This is just NASCAR.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. PROTASS: Just NASCAR.

My client was alleged to have been asked by one of his codefendants, Domenico Cefalu, to ask another one of his co-defendants, Ernest Grillo, about a company called Interstate, which at the time was working on the NASCAR site. He made that request and asked about interstate, but what was interesting, Your Honor, is that Interstate had nothing to do, so far as I can tell, with the NASCAR conspiracy.

There was -- the arrangement that my client was involved with was that -- and this is based on what is set forth in the Government's presentence -- in the Government's detention memo and the Government's sentencing memo, as well as in the presentence report; that there was an arrangement whereby one of Mr. Cali's co-defendants obtained the exclusive dumping rights to dump fill at the NASCAR cite. And those exclusive dumping rights were given to John Doe Number 4, Mr. Valero, in exchange for a percentage of the profit that he made.

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At the end of the day, the person who obtained the exclusive dumping rights that were transferred to Valero lost the contract. So no fill was dumped pursuant to that contract.

The Government then alleged that later a new deal was worked out. That new deal was something that Valero got on his own, and he paid certain of Mr. Cali's co-defendants but not Mr. Cali. In fact, the Government's sentencing memorandum says that Mr. Cali was cut out of the deal. He was not a part of the deal that was, for lack of a better word, successful. There was no threat to Mr. Valero in connection with the first deal in which my client was involved because he obtained something in exchange for what he got and what he -- the threat was that he would not get this work if he did not share the profits because he was getting something. He had to give something in return.

And as I said, Your Honor, he had no contact with Mr. Valero whatsoever, never met him and never spoke to him, and it was not captured on the hundreds of hours of tapes that the Government produced in this case. My client's voice doesn't appear. He is not on any of the tapes.

So I think that the two-point enhancement for threat simply does not apply, and it should not apply in this case.

MR. LIPTON: Your Honor, I will disagree. We disagreed with, in general, the implied threat as it relates

to the Gambino family, but in particular to this individual who is an acting captain, and without it going through this individual, the extortion of John Doe Number 4 would not have taken place, so....

THE COURT: Were the people that were actually in contact with Number 4 under the control of this defendant?

MR. LIPTON: Yes, Judge. They actually had to clear it and make sure that Mr. Cali was okay with the deal because he had to get a piece of it. The defense counsel would like to have it where there was two different deals, where one collapsed and the other resurrected, but --

THE COURT: I don't think that is relevant. The fact that there was one deal and contemplation is sufficient.

MR. PROTASS: Your Honor, the one defendant who had the primary contact with the cooperating witness here, as we pointed out in our sentencing memorandum there are repeated instances where they have a -- where the tapes, the actual evidence demonstrates a close, personal, very cordial relationship where they're sharing meals, where the Government's cooperating witness tells this individual who is having some surgery that if there is anything that I can do for you after you have the surgery just give me a call. Tells him if there is anything, anytime you need me to take you someplace --

THE COURT: That doesn't cut much ice with me.

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These people are all sycophants.

2 Is that a word? Do you know how to spell it?

They are all on their knees to the gang. And if it

4 has to be cleared up the ladder, as it does in these cases,

5 | then it is implicit with threat.

MR. PROTASS: The threat here, Your Honor, was that he simply would not get the work at the NASCAR center.

THE COURT: No. The threat was that when he got the work with the help of the mob, if he didn't pay, he was going to be in physical or economic trouble or both.

I can't see your argument in this case. Now, there is a problem, which I point out to you. He is accused, is he not, of threats? Isn't he?

MR. LIPTON: Well, under 1951 he is accused pursuant to that statutory provision with being a conspirator to implied threats which involved economic harm and also the enticed threats of physical harm.

THE COURT: That's right.

And it is an interesting double counting problem --

MR. PROTASS: I saw Your Honor's order this morning.

THE COURT: -- when the conspiracy is to use threats and the charge is that he -- under the guidelines, at least, that he used the threats of double counting. It is an interesting problem. I am not sure that it has any validity here because the implied threat is an actual implied threat;

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the conspiracy is a conspiracy. There are two different matters.

So to that extent it isn't double counting. It is a conspiracy to use a threat, and then it is the use of the threats under the guidelines. So it is an interesting problem. It is kind of obtuse, and you may want to take an appeal.

But I am not going to give you less than two points under Paragraph 143. If you can, I can change the sentence that I was going to make, but I am not inclined to do so in this case as I was in the other cases.

What else?

MR. PROTASS: Well, there is the one-point enhancement that is in the presentence report for the amount of money at issue here, Your Honor, and --

THE COURT: Well, that, I don't see. What's -- where is the loss?

MR. LIPTON: There is the loss of \$13,000 that was paid pursuant to this conspiracy so that --

THE COURT: Paid to whom?

MR. LIPTON: This was paid to individuals, Leonard DiMaria, Ernest Grillo, and Nicholas Corozzo, based on the -- once the cooperating witness, John Doe Number 4, got the rights to dump at the site.

THE COURT: This is the NASCAR?

# U.S.A. v. FRANK CALI 16 1 MR. LIPTON: This is the NASCAR site; correct, Your 2 Honor. 3 He then was required to makes these payments. 4 THE COURT: He paid them? MR. LIPTON: Yes, he did, Your Honor. 5 MR. PROTASS: It was not paid to my client, Your 6 7 Honor. 8 THE COURT: It doesn't make any difference. MR. LIPTON: Right. 9 10 THE COURT: If it is a conspiracy, he is 11 responsible. 12 MR. PROTASS: I point out that, you know, I think it 13 is important that we -- we define these two deals which are 14 characterized by the Government. You know, the first deal is where one of Mr. Cali's codefendants got Mr. Valero, the 15 16 cooperating witness, to dump work, and Mr. Valero shared --17 agreed to share in the profits in exchange for doing that. No 18 work was actually done on that deal. And Valero, the 19 cooperating witness, made no payments on that deal. The deal 20 fell apart. 21 According to the Government's own narrative of the 22 offense here, later -- and I am quoting, later the new deal 23 was worked out. The Government itself refers to it as a new 24 deal, and the Government says that my client was cut out of 25 that new deal.

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THE COURT: What was the 13,000 paid, for the first or the second deal?

MR. PROTASS: The second deal in which my client was cut out of.

MR. LIPTON: It wasn't dealt the same way. It wasn't two separate deals. It is not a continuous course of action. He is negotiating this to get this from the Gambino family. He has to go through Mr. Cali and others at first, and then it shifts up as to who is to pay, but if he's part of the conspiracy, it is not an improper joinder of two different conclusions.

THE COURT: Four ultimately got the dumping rights and began to dump, didn't he?

MR. LIPTON: Correct, Judge.

MR. PROTASS: And the payments that were made, Your Honor, were paid -- according to the Government, were paid to Mr. Cassarino on behalf of Mr. DiMaria and Mr. Corozzo only. Those are the Government's words.

THE COURT: It doesn't make any difference. He is a part of the general hierarchy. I am not going to do anything for him on these points.

Why don't you take an exception and take an appeal, if you want to?

MR. PROTASS: Well, just note my objection to both of the findings.

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1	THE COURT: Yes, of course.
2	I think you I think it is a sensible argument.
3	I am not denigrating the argument. I think it doesn't apply
4	in this case.
5	There is no obstruction of justice here, is there?
6	PROBATION OFFICER: No, Your Honor.
7	THE COURT: You are living where is your home?
8	THE DEFENDANT: Staten Island.
9	THE COURT: Place of incarceration shall be as
10	recommended close to Staten Island, if possible.
11	MR. PROTASS: Can we make a recommendation a
12	request for the prison camp at Fort Dix?
13	THE COURT: Yes. I will so recommend.
14	What do you have in the way of assets now?
15	THE DEFENDANT: Excuse me?
16	THE COURT: What assets, bank accounts, cars, homes?
17	What do you got?
18	THE DEFENDANT: A home.
19	THE COURT: Where? In Staten Island?
20	THE DEFENDANT: Yes. My wife and my home in
21	Brooklyn. A property in Brooklyn.
22	THE COURT: What is the equity?
23	THE DEFENDANT: 400- or 500
24	THE COURT: Thousand?
25	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

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1	THE COURT: Bank accounts?
2	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
3	THE COURT: How much in there.
4	THE DEFENDANT: Not much.
5	THE COURT: Cars?
6	THE DEFENDANT: No cars.
7	THE COURT: You don't own a car?
8	THE DEFENDANT: No. There was a used car. I got
9	rid of the car when I got arrested.
10	THE COURT: Well, what is the Government's
11	recommendation for a fine?
12	PROBATION OFFICER: 6,000 to 60,000.
13	MR. LIPTON: Judge, I don't think that the
14	Government will take a position. We're within that range.
15	I will say that Mr. Cali does own property I think the one
16	he is referring to is in Brooklyn and they are building
17	a house that is a multi-million-dollar house in Staten Island
18	that I believe when they were putting it up for bail had
19	significant equity, over I think it was a million dollars.
20	THE COURT: 6,000 to what?
21	PROBATION OFFICER: 6,000 to 60,000, Your Honor.
22	MR. PROTASS: Your Honor, if I can just interrupt
23	you.
24	THE COURT: Yes. Let's hear you on the fine.
25	MR. PROTASS: I apologize.

You had just said that it was a Level 19. In the 1 2 plea agreement the Government and Mr. Cali agreed that he would have a minor role enhancement -- a minor role 3 4 adjustment. The PSR --THE COURT: Well, this is a minor role? 5 MR. LIPTON: 6 The parties had come to an agreement, 7 Your Honor, that there was a minor role adjustment and --8 THE COURT: That is not reflected on the tally 9 sheet. 10 MR. LIPTON: You're right, Your Honor. I don't 11 believe that I had gotten to that yet, but probation did this 12 with the Government's and defense counsel's assessment. 13 THE COURT: All right. I will go along with the 14 Government on this deal because I think it was a minor role in this deal. So that brings it down to 17. 15 16 MR. PROTASS: No. It brings it down to 13, Your 17 Honor. 18 THE COURT: How? 19 MR. PROTASS: The 19 includes four points for 20 leadership role, and then there is a minus two. So it is a 21 six-point difference. 22 THE COURT: Well, what is the Government's feel on 23 this?

Honor, which was a minus two for role as opposed to plus four.

MR. LIPTON:

We stand by the plea agreement, Your

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              THE COURT: Well, let's get -- go through this
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    again.
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               I will follow the Government's position at the
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    moment.
             The offense level computation -- base offense is 18.
               Everyone agrees; is that correct?
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              PROBATION OFFICER:
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              MR. LIPTON:
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              MR. PROTASS: Correct.
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              THE COURT:
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    Government wants two. The defendant objects.
               I am giving the Government two; is that correct?
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              MR. LIPTON:
                            That is correct.
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              THE COURT: Loss exceeds 10,000. The defendants
    wants zero. The Government wants one.
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               I am giving you one; is that correct?
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              MR. LIPTON: Yes, Judge.
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              THE COURT:
                           That gives us 21 up to that point; is
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    that correct?
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              MR. LIPTON:
                            That is correct.
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              MR. PROTASS: Yes.
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              THE COURT: Now, adjustment for the role in the
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    offense.
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              MR. LIPTON:
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    two, Your Honor.
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1	THE COURT: Minus two?
2	MR. LIPTON: Yes.
3	THE COURT: And the probation objects?
4	PROBATION OFFICER: Correct, Your Honor.
5	THE COURT: I am giving him a minus two based upon
6	the agreement and the nature of the specific offense here,
7	where the role was peripheral.
8	That brings us down to 19; is that correct?
9	MR. LIPTON: Yes.
10	THE COURT: Acceptance of responsibility is minus
11	three; is that right?
12	PROBATION OFFICER: Yes, Your Honor.
13	MR. PROTASS: That is correct.
14	MR. LIPTON: Yes, Your Honor.
15	THE COURT: The global is minus three; is that
16	right?
17	PROBATION OFFICER: Yes, Your Honor.
18	MR. LIPTON: Yes, Your Honor.
19	MR. PROTASS: Yes, Your Honor.
20	THE COURT: That brings us down to 13; is that
21	right?
22	MR. PROTASS: Yes, Your Honor.
23	PROBATION OFFICER: Yes, Your Honor.
24	MR. LIPTON: That is correct, Your Honor.
25	THE COURT: Okay. What else?

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1	PROBATION OFFICER: That is it, Your Honor.
2	MR. LIPTON: And I believe the final range off of 13
3	would then be different.
4	THE COURT: Well, is it agreed now it is 13?
5	MR. PROTASS: Well, with our exceptions.
6	THE COURT: Of course.
7	PROBATION OFFICER: That is 3,000 to 30,000, Your
8	Honor.
9	THE COURT: That is 3 to 30. Okay.
10	PROBATION OFFICER: And the custody is 12 to
11	18 months.
12	THE COURT: Yes.
13	MR. LIPTON: Custody range is
14	(Whereupon a cellular telephone rings in the
15	courtroom.)
16	PROBATION OFFICER: And the custody range is 12 to
17	18 months.
18	THE COURT: Okay. So we are agreed now? We know
19	where we are? We are all on the same page?
20	MR. LIPTON: Yes, Judge. I believe so.
21	THE COURT: 3 to 30 and 12 to 18 months; is that
22	right?
23	PROBATION OFFICER: Yes, Judge.
24	MR. LIPTON: Yes, Judge.
25	THE COURT: Okay. And that is my finding with

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1	respect to the applicable guideline.
2	LAW CLERK: Yes, Your Honor.
3	THE COURT: Is restitution being sought?
4	MR. LIPTON: Yes, Judge. But I think pursuant to
5	Your Honor's order we are going to address that in September.
6	THE COURT: You understand that?
7	MR. PROTASS: Yes, Your Honor.
8	THE COURT: You may have to face restitution.
9	Do you understand that?
10	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
11	THE COURT: Do you?
12	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
13	THE COURT: The special assessment is \$100 subject
14	to all of the conditions of $5(d)(1)3(a)(c)(e)$ and $(d)$ .
15	Do you want them read?
16	MR. PROTASS: No, Your Honor.
17	MR. LIPTON: Your Honor, we would ask that that
18	include that Mr. Cali not be not associate with known
19	members or associates of organized crime.
20	THE COURT: I will get to that.
21	Have you ever been treated for psychiatric problems?
22	THE DEFENDANT: No.
23	THE COURT: Drug or alcohol abuse?
24	THE DEFENDANT: No. No, Your Honor.
25	THE COURT: Gambling?

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1	THE DEFENDANT: No.
2	THE COURT: You are to have no guns during this
3	period.
4	THE DEFENDANT: No.
5	THE COURT: No drugs
6	THE DEFENDANT: No.
7	THE COURT: except by prescription.
8	THE DEFENDANT: No.
9	THE COURT: You are not to have anything to do with
10	any members of criminal gangs or criminals.
11	Do you understand that?
12	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
13	THE COURT: Was any of your property taken when you
14	were arrested?
15	THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor.
16	THE COURT: You understand that you have the limited
17	rights to appeal; is that right?
18	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
19	THE COURT: What is the amount of incarceration that
20	kicks in his right to appeal?
21	MR. LIPTON: Under the plea agreement, Your Honor,
22	I believe that is 18 months.
23	THE COURT: 18 months?
24	MR. LIPTON: Let me make sure.
25	It is 24 months, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. I will hear you on Booker and 3553A and any other elements that you would like to address.

MR. PROTASS: Thank you, Your Honor.

As you know, we have requested -- Mr. Cali has been incarcerated since the day of his arrest, which was February 7th. Today is the six-month anniversary of his arrest, and as Your Honor knows, we requested a sentence of time served. And we still -- even though the Court enhanced the guidelines two points for expressed or implied threat, and even though the Court enhanced it for one point on the money, we still think that a sentence of time served, the six months that he has served is appropriate given the nature and circumstances of this offense and given Mr. Cali's role in the offense, which was minor and was limited, really, to making one inquiry on behalf of the one of his co-defendants concerning a company working on the NASCAR site; as it turns out, had nothing to do whatsoever with the NASCAR conspiracy.

It really just alerted one of his co-defendants that there was work to be had at the NASCAR site.

And in any event, as I pointed out to the Court, and I won't belabor the point, there really were two deals here for the NASCAR conspiracy. My client was involved only in the first one, which failed, and in which no money was exchanged, and his role in that first one was minor.

Mr. Cali has absolutely no criminal history whatsoever. He's never been arrested, never been charged, and never been convicted of any offense. He has worked his entire life, and he had a company called Bondtell, U.S.A., which was a food and wine import company. It was doing reasonably well. It had -- it had significant sales. He had five employees.

Unfortunately, Mr. Cali has lost his business as a result of his guilty plea here because when you resell -- import wine into New York State and resell it, you have to have a license by the feds and the state, and those licenses require the owner to have no criminal record; so Mr. Cali has been forced to sell his interest in the company, something he has spent the past five years building.

He did start another company, a cardboard packaging company, shortly before his arrest, and he intends, upon his release, to go back and build that company, just as he has built Bondtell into the company it is today.

I will also point out that Mr. Cali, as you can see, is wearing a cast on his right arm. And that is as a result of a broken -- broken thumb; is that right?

THE DEFENDANT: That's right.

MR. PROTASS: A fractured thumb that he fractured in a basketball game at the Queens detention facility. It got bent backwards. After swelling, significantly the Queens people took Mr. Cali to Jamaica Hospital, where he was

x-rayed. It was determined that it was a fracture. The doctor there said that he wanted to see Mr. Cali again and re-x-ray it, the reason being that he was concerned about how it was setting.

There are two possible results from that. Number one is that he would have to have surgery to insert a metal pin. Or if they didn't do that, it would heal the way it is, and somewhere down the road, in order to fix it they would have to rebreak his hand and then reset it.

The doctor wanted to see him two weeks ago. The Queens facility has not taken him to see the doctor. So I suspect it may be too late at this point to have the surgery and put a pin in. I don't know. I do know that he doesn't want the treatment at the Jamaica Hospital. I do know that, you know, your hand and thumb is very important and that he requires treatment on his hand.

And as I said, he served six months already. We are talking about a guidelines range of 12 to 18 months, as Your Honor has found. A year and a day would certainly be the low end of the range, which would net out a sentence of somewhere in the range of ten and a half months.

And we feel, in light of his criminal history, his role, you know, his work history, his hand, his three young children that a sentence of time served is appropriate and would satisfy the conditions of 3553A, at least considering

the nature and circumstances of the offense, the history and characteristics of the defendant. I think it would serve as an adequate deterrent, it is adequate to protect the public from someone who has never had any problems with the law, never before in his life.

And so we ask that Your Honor impose a sentence of time served of six months.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Do you want to add anything, sir?

THE DEFENDANT: No, thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you.

THE DEFENDANT: No, thank you.

THE COURT: Mr. Lipton.

MR. LIPTON: The Government, pursuant to the plea agreement with defense counsel, indicated that it would not take a position where within the guideline range, Your Honor, to sentence him.

We do believe, though, that a guideline sentence between 12 to 18 months is an appropriate and warranted sentence in this case. A non guideline sentence below that we think is not warranted given that Mr. Cali is an acting captain in the Gambino family who, at quite a young age, has risen quite far in that family and has managed to navigate around the legal system and has not been arrested until this case.

But despite that, the Government does have evidence which the Government introduced at the detention hearing. And I believe there was an appeal before Your Honor indicating -- no. There was no appeal. Sorry. It was just a second request made to a different Magistrate in which we outlined Mr. Cali's rise in the Gambino family and the number of criminal acts -- number of criminal activities and schemes that he has been involved with over the years, going back to the 1980s, which I will go into if Your Honor would like. But suffice it to say it hasn't been because he has been a dutiful employee of his importing company that has allowed him to gain such a foothold and obtain such status in the Gambino family.

And it is only because of that status that he had the participation in the conspiracy that he was charged with. It was because of his status that they had to go to him and get the clearance initially so that he would get a piece of it. And ultimately money was paid. It wasn't a tremendous amount, but the money was paid from that victim because of the Gambino family's ability, and Mr. Cali's position as evidence of that, to force him to make those payments or else the work would not continue.

So for those reasons, Your Honor, for his role, for his characteristics, we ask that Your Honor sentence him to a guideline sentence, but we do not take a position where within the guideline range you do so.

MR. PROTASS: If I could respond very briefly, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Yes. Of course.

MR. PROTASS: Mr. Cali -- we did have a bail hearing earlier, Your Honor, and I point out that the Magistrate Judge who heard that hearing found very clearly that Mr. Cali did not pose a threat to society and didn't impose a threat to anybody.

And I think as was said by the charged in the indictment, Mr. Cali is charged in only two of the counts of the indictment, Count 38 and 39 relating to the NASCAR.

He is mentioned substantively really on only two pages of the indictment. He is not charged in the RICO count, which comprises over half of the indictment, that is, Count 1 of the indictment. His role, as Your Honor found earlier, with regard to this NASCAR conspiracy, was peripheral.

And we, therefore, respectfully submit that, you know, six months is a sufficient sentence for that peripheral involvement in a conspiracy that ultimately failed, and there was no money that was exchanged.

THE COURT: Thank you.

This is a serious offense. The defendant is a good family person. He has a good work record, but he is a criminal.

In view of the seriousness of the offense and to

promote respect for the law and just punishment, a substantial term of imprisonment is required. Specific deterrent as a general deterrent is required for the sentence to protect the public. No educational or vocational training or medical treatment while in prison is advantageous.

Now, why don't you want to go to Jamaica Hospital?

It is a fairly good hospital.

THE DEFENDANT: They were supposed to take me back to get X rays again, but they never took me to see if it was healing properly.

THE COURT: Well, I will order them to take you back, if you want.

THE DEFENDANT: Judge, I don't know if they're -- that is fine.

THE COURT: All right. Then make sure he gets taken back immediately.

MR. LIPTON: I will communicate take to the Queens
Detention Center, Your Honor.

THE COURT: The Court has considered the kind of sentences available and the range and the sentencing commission policy and other statements, each element of 3553A give substantial weight to the guidelines and all other considerations, and sentences the defendant to 18 months in prison with a fine of \$30,000, the fine to be payable over the years of release from prison, payable no interest. No

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               MR. LIPTON: We move to dismiss the remaining
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               THE COURT: Granted.
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               MR. PROTASS: Thank you.
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